

PRUDEN ALLEN ERWIN: Born Oct. 16, 1797

Died Jan. 2, 1889

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Married Jane Armour Erwin November 8, 1823

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Pruden Allen Erwin was born at Fairhaven, Rutland County, Vermont, October 16, 1779. In 1802 he was taken with his fathers family to the wilderness of Franklin County, New York. His father was a blacksmith and farmer. He volunteered to fight the British in the war of 1812 and served under his father, Captain David Erwin. He married Jane Armour Erwin on November 8, 1823 in Westville, New York. Jane was born in the North of Ireland May 8, 1806. She immigrated to upstate New York with her family about 1810. Her family included her father, Thomas, her mother, Jane Armour, her brother James. There may have been more brothers & sisters. Her brother, James, was quite a noted Methodist minister in Northern New York about 1833. Pruden and Jane lived for a time in New Haven, Conn. but for the most part resided in Franklin county until 1863. There they raised eleven children. Pruden carried on the trade of his father...that of blacksmith and farmer. In 1863 Pruden, his wife, Jane and three of their grown children, Catherine, Arthur and Sidney, moved to Waseca County, Minnesota. At that time in Waseca counties history the territory was wilderness. There, in St. Mary Township, he opened a farm. His wife, Jane, died in 1863. Pruden remained active in the growth of the new territory. He belonged to The Vermonters society and the Waseca County Horsethief Detective Society. He died January 2, 1889. Both Pruden and Jane are buried at the Woodville Cemetery, Waseca, Minnesota.